

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 8, 10 and 13-14, amend claim 15, and add new claim 16, as follows:

Claim 1 (cancelled).  
Claim 2 (cancelled).  
Claim 3 (cancelled).  
Claim 4 (cancelled).  
Claim 5 (cancelled).  
Claim 6 (cancelled).  
Claim 7 (cancelled).  
Claim 8 (cancelled).  
Claim 9 (cancelled).  
Claim 10 (cancelled).  
Claim 11 (cancelled).  
Claim 12 (cancelled).  
Claim 13 (cancelled).  
Claim 14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (currently amended).

15. Apparatus for applying compressions to the chest of a patient to stimulate blood circulation, comprising:

an energized compressor assembly which includes an actuator and a source of pressured fluid;

5 a torso wrap that couples to said actuator and that wraps to the back of the patient, so downward forces of the piston against the patient's chest are withstood by upward forces applied to the patient's back;

said actuator includes a cylinder which has an inside surface ~~which is coupled to said torso wrap~~ and a piston with a plurality of telescoping piston parts  
10 that telescope in one another and that are exposed to pressured fluid in said

cylinder, including an upper piston part that fits closely in said cylinder and a lowermost piston part, and including a pressing member on a lower end of said lowermost piston part for pressing against the patient's chest;

15        said lowermost piston part having a lower piston inside surface which is exposed to said pressured fluid and which has at least half the diameter of said inside surface of said cylinder.

§        Claim 16 (new).

16. Apparatus for applying compressions to the chest of a patient to stimulate blood circulation, comprising:

5        an energizable compressor assembly which includes an actuator that has a vertical axis that extends perpendicular to the patient's chest, and a pressing member for pressing against the patient;

      a torso wrap that couples to said actuator and that wraps to the back of the patient, so downward forces of the pressing member against the patient's chest are withstood by upward forces applied to the patient's back;

10        a saucer-shaped stabilizer that has a center fixed to said actuator and a curved radially outer portion that extends substantially completely around the axis and that rests against the patient's chest.

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